

Address to the Youngmen
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Preface dated June 1937Preface

Previously I have published the "Outline of the National System of Advancing Great Japan," to which many responded asking me to give them an easier explanation. This book is my answer to them.

The present Japanese youngmen of twenty or thirty in age are said to be patients from Marxism. In this book I have tried to analyze Marxism to make them well again.

If you look on Japan standing in Europe it seems as if a pillar of fire is standing, blazing toward the sky. This is what people say when they come back from abroad these days. However, if you look at Japan from inside, she lacks an organic system. Those who are in governing posts possess no insight as well as the youngmen are not fully conscious of their own thinking. On account of this fact I feel that in the national government, economy and culture there is something growing yet not active enough to grow fully in all directions.

Facing the tide of advancing Japan, rising Japan, I sincerely wish its whole Japanese youngmen to bravely stand up.

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Chapter I Fall of Material Civilization.

(p.1) 1. A dreadful worldwide big event is happening now in the dark and in silence. The February 26th Incident tacitly or the Spanish Civil War is nothing but small phenomena of the big event. That big event is the fact that the modern civilization in which we are actually living has now begun to fall. (He says 150 years were spent for building up the modern civilization).

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- (p.2) 2. Material civilization is nothing but the means to fulfill the material wants within our physical selves, i.e., how to get things to eat, to live in and to clothe with. The modern civilization exceeds anything else in the richness of material life. Compare the living conditions of the people 150 years ago with the present day people, and you will see.
- (p.3) 3. 150 years ago people had only human power, cattle and other primitive instruments to produce daily necessities, while the people nowadays have steam, electricity, gasoline and very complicated machines.
- (p.4) 4. (He gives Howard Scott's division in age in industrial history.) In the height of this material civilization Karl Marx was born. He was astonished at the sight of development in industrial capacity, and built up a theory of struggle among social classes. The world responded in agreement with him and exhibited an ugly sight of "family fighting" /internecine struggle/. His theory is too old. He said, "The value of merchandise is the labour," while the time passed on into the age of automatic machinery.
- (p.6) 5. (Description of the industrial civilization and modern factories in America).
- (p.10 11) 6-7. In spite of abundant production there are people starving to death. Here lies the cause of the fall of the material civilization.

Chapter II Destruction of the World of Liberalism

- (p.12) 1. A great mistake which the leaders in the material civilization made is that they overestimated the material wants of human beings. It is a motive power, but cannot be a suitable leading power in the society.
- (p.13) 2. Economically speaking, under liberalism general
15 people are left hungry on account of profit-making system of those who actually carry on production work.
- (p.16) 3. Politically, they consider democracy the best but it is not always true that what great many people consider best shall be the best. From the view point of political knowledge, the best informed person exists only one in the country, and two or three of the next best and then as the number increases the grade lowers, showing the fact that the lowest are the greatest in number. This is clearly shown in the party administration. In order to hold the reins of the government they have to be the greatest in number and for this purpose they have to secure support from the lowest class among whom there are many who are much more anxious for their own profit than for the good of the country. Such is far away from the constitutional.

government. Political liberalism has shown its inferior nature at the same time when the party government came to destruction. What shall we do then? Concerning the true and righteous national government, which shall take place of liberalistic government. I shall explain later on together with controlled economy which shall take place of liberal economy.

- (p.16) 4. Socially speaking liberalism results, after all, in "the weak falling a prey to the strong." Their motto "equality" was strong enough to take privilege away from peers and priests in the past age but totally powerless against capitalists who could exercise their privilege lawfully under liberalism and equalism. Labourers have become slaves of capitalists under liberalism. But these labourers should be liberal.
- (p.20) 5. When the crisis came to the old civilization, whose keynote was liberalism, there appeared Marxism. Marxists have ascribed all the evil to capitalism, but the evil lies in the material civilization itself. Capitalism is nothing but means to economically carry out materialism. Marx's Communism may be able to strengthen liberalistic material civilization but it can not establish an order for a new world. Thus Marxism has been obliged to quit the stage having played its part to increase darkness and misery of the world in fighting.
- (p.21) 6. The materialistic liberalism caused one class to exploit another within a country. Internationally it brought forth a most cruel exploiting among different races. This was manifested in the Great European War (the first World War). After all the cause of the war was fighting among imperialistic countries for robbing colonies of each other. Economically speaking it is capitalistic countries fighting for material. Since the War, what happened in the past 20
- (p.23) years show the self-paradox and evil in the old civilization. What does the worldwide panic, which has swept over the whole globe, like a storm, mean? What do the revolutions of the general public in various countries signify? Whence is the movement for building countries according to races? Thus the old civilization and world system are driven to a corner where they must settle the whole accounts. If they postpone it indefinitely the second World War is unavoidable, and the crisis is approaching every minute. Where will the new civilization come from to govern the new age, and what kind of national systems will it organize in the whole world? In order to find these we have to look back the world history beginning with its first page and drive away old dreams with eyes wide open.

Chapter III Material Civilization and Spiritual Culture.

- (p.24) 1. The present world is under the white peoples' despotic control. They have conquered the four-fifths of the globe. Japan alone is standing bravely against them. In places where no Japanese influence reaches people are suppressed and exploited by the white men under their iron whip and bewildering gold.

- (p.25) Why have the Europeans become the controller and the Asiatics become their slaves? Lord Roseberry in his lecture in the Glasgow College said that God bestowed the white men with a sacred right to control the world. This most frankly expresses the white men's hearts. Their pride is the consciousness that they are superior races chosen by God and they should look down on coloured races as not much different from cows and horses. What made the white men so proud is their unusual growth in the last 300 years owing to the material civilization in Europe and in the face of it its Asiatic spiritual civilization has completely faded away. Does it mean that Asiatic civilization always inferior to the European? Here we must break off their haughty noses with the evidences in the history.

- (p.26) 2. The 3000 years' civilized history tells that Europe and Asia have shown their respective superiority each other, and the last 300 years have been their turn to show it. The fact that from such a mere incident they conclude that they are superior forever, shows their lack of intelligence. Therefore I shall give summary of the fighting between the European and Asian races in the world history.

- (p.27) 3. The first fighting took place between Persia and Greece. The two countries represented the two continents very well. Difference between the two were:

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Controlled country
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Synthetic
Esteemed faith and morals

Deductive in thinking
Spiritual culture

Greece characteristics

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- (p.29) 4. After a long submission of Europe (Greece) under Asia (Persia), Alexander the Great stood up. Why he was able to make Greece prosper was because he took in the Asiatic spirit and culture in his country.
- (p.30) 5. Rising of the Roman Empire.
- (p.31) 6. Mongolian invasion in Europe. Attila is an Asiatic Caesar or Napoleon. Do you call one here when he makes a massacre in the southern Africa, and do you call another a devil when he leads a triumphant troop into Europe?
- (p.34) 7. In the 8th Century comes the Mohammedans' invasion into Europe from Arabia. The modern European civilization has mostly been originated in the Mohammedan civilization. It is true that white men are controlling the world now, but they were for a long time students to the Asiatics in spiritual culture and natural science which has built the basis of the whitemen's world-controlling today. They make fun of the Japanese calling them a copying people. They got their religion from Jesus Christ, a Hebrew, and their science from Mohammedans, and how can they laugh at the Japanese people?
- (p.36) people?
- (p.37) 8. The Mongolian Empire was built by Jingisukan and to this empire the European countries had sent contributions from time to time. Russia was under Mongolian control since then. The past 300 years were the age of European control, but the 300 years prior to it was the Asiatics' controlling age. Who dares prophesy as to the coming 300 years?
- (p.39) 9. Why did the Europeans decidedly gain in the 17th Century.
- (p.41) 10. What Asiatic spirit aspires for is spiritual and one wholeness, while the Europeans worked on individual branches of material research, with self-confidence that they could accomplish all the investigation in the material world from the celestial orbs to a bacillus. They have been successful in this and the result is their conquer over the whole world.
- (p.43) 11. Does this mean that spiritualism is to be always trodden over by materialism? No, what was defeated in degenerated Asiatic spirit and not the Asiatic spirit itself.
- (p.44-47) 12. Glorious Indian civilization and its fall.
- (p.47) 13. The last question is who will control the coming age. In order to answer this question, we must tell about a country which situates in a corner of Asia. She has really Asiatic characteristics and yet at the same time she is possessed of the strong points of the European spirit in a miraculous combination.

Chapter IV What is the Japanese Spirit?

- (p.49) 1. Conservatism of Asia became a big cause of the fall of Asia because it has misled the Asiatic Continent having preserved what was already useless. Japan is a country of the profound conservatism having 3000 years' history with its polity (Kokutai) never changed. At the same time she is a country of wonderful progressivism. Every thought, every civilization with which she came across she has taken in willingly and made it her own constituents.
- (p.53) 2. How Japan took in Confusianism and other Chinese morals, and how they preserved these practically in "Bushido" (knight hood), Sado (Tea making spirit), Kado (Flower arrangement art).
- (p.55) 3. How Japan adopted Buddhism. It is after Buddhism became Japanized that it was counted as one of the greater religions of the world. It was born in India and grew up in Japan just as Christianity originated in Judea and attained its growth in Europe.
- (p.56-59) 4. Japan is the leader in Asia not in her administrative ability but also in the culture, in spite of the Europeans' calling Japan a copy-cat.
5. They blame Japan being exclusive, anti-foreigner in attitude, especially on the following:
- a. Prohibition of Christianity to be promulgated in Toyotomi and Tokugawa ages.
 - b. The national isolation policy during the Tokugawa reign of 300 years.
 - c. "Exclusion of foreigners" slogan with which the Meiji restoration was undertaken.
- (Here he gives comments on each item).
- (p.63) 6. Japan has now come to face a great day when she is to show her greatness, by digesting all the good of foreign countries and with profound belief in the national polity (Kokutai).
- (p.66) 7. Japan adopted Chinese culture. Tenji Emperor was most welcomed it. Still it was not blindly taken in but thoroughly digested and the purity of Kokutai was ever kept on. What was possible 1250 years ago can't be denounced as impossible today.

- (p.69) 8. A world leading theory is going to be born from Japan. In the past 6000 years there was no chance for the eastern and western civilization to unite, but time has come, for the first time, for the two to completely unite in Japan.

Chapter V. The Real Principle of the Polity (Kokutai)

- (p.74) 1-2. The present world is in the reformation age. The country that started this work was Russia, and the next was Italy and then Germany. England and America are also now busy for it. Whether such reformation may be successful in building up new Japan or not, depends on whether this movement has footing on the Japanese Kokutai or not.
- (p.79) 3. Why I advocate the returning of the people to the real Japanese Kokutai is because Kokutai is the life of the country.
- (p. 81) 4. In founding this country Amaterasu goddess (the Sun Goddess) told her grandson that Japan shall be a land for her posterity to reign forever. In Japan the Emperor, the land and the nation compose one body. Emperor Jimmu made declaration that he would unite the world under himself. Emperor Meiji also stated in his educational rescript that his instructions were right to be observed both within and without the boundary of the country.
- (p.83) 5. In Japan the Emperor is regarded as sacred being the object of the national worship, which fact is unique.
- (p.86) 6. There is no equivalent of "Kokutai" in English, German or French. In Japan Kokutai was kept on unchanged regardless of changes in Seitai (political form), which is also historically unique.
- (p.89) 7. The reason why our Kokutai is unique lies in the fact that our Kokutai stands above other countries. For the long age covering the period after the Taika Reformation until the time of the Meiji Restoration, political administering power away from the Emperor generally, but nevertheless those who had it, had to pledge their piety to the Emperor. Otherwise they had not been able to reign the country since peoples' heart was always with the Emperor.
- (p.90) 8. The Meiji Restoration was a crisis for Japan. America was not the only one to invade Japan. Russia, England and France were ready to invade Asia with battleships on the southern China Sea. Their real aim was the China continent which had been said to contain infinite treasures. However, in order to reach it they considered it is necessary to

secure the Japanese islands. In order to get through the crisis Japanese people had to get together under the Emperor and they had to return to their original form of Kokutai giving back political administrating power to the Emperor from the Tokugawa feudal government.

- (p.93) 9. Since the time of the Manchurian Incident we are living in an emergent age. It is nothing to be afraid of, It is the time when we must return to the original spirit of the Japanese country and unificate religion, morals, thoughts, administration, economy, armament and science under Emperor and start on a new progress.

Chapter VI. Advancing Economic System.

- (p.95) 1. Our Kokutai is something living and is growing every moment and is to develop forever. Then how are we to accomplish the eternal development?

(p.98) According to politics and legislation imported from Europe and America a country is made of a sovereign, territory and people who are subject to the sovereign because they can not be otherwise. In Japan people obey the Emperor willingly. The people not only obey but also would like to help the Emperor in any respect possible. First we must consider how we can realize our special Kokutai spirit in the economic life of the nation.

2. We must produce valuable things not for earning money but for sufficing the wants of the nation. The first duty of the national economy is to stabilize the living of the nation. The object of the national economy is to attain the way to suffice the peoples' wants to the greatest extent.

- (p.101) 3. The object of economy is to be fulfilled at the time when produced materials are consumed. The aim of the national economy is to supply what has been produced to those who do not possess it, as much as possible. The population of Japan is nearly 100,000,000 and those who have enough are only one hundredth and 900,000,000 are left without enough to live. It means the children of the Emperor are left hungry. Do not worry over the fact that wealth is small, but remember to distribute it among those who are poor, then the economic value of the national wealth will greatly increase. In reality the situation is just opposite. Those who have enough, have power to acquire still more, while those who have not enough have no power to get any more. Why such a wrong situation exists?
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(p.104) 4. One of the unredeemable weak points in the present economic system is unevenness of wealth distribution. Marx explains how this happened by his theory of exploitation. Marx's so-called value is exchange value.

(p.108) 5. The reason why Marx explained his theory on Labor value is to develop his surplus value theory, i.e. his plan to testify his premise that capital is composed of exploitation of labour. (General economic discussions are given after this.)

(p.154) He (HASHIMOTO) provokes foreign trade to be put under national control so that enough commodities shall be left within the empire to more fully suffice the wants of general people. Thus economy naturally should come into national policy.

Chapter VII. Japan of the World, the World of Japan.

(p.157) 1. Japan of Japan, Japan of the World, the World of Japan. This is our idea. Japan was busy to build up real Japan if Japan in the beginning of Meiji. She started on her way to be Japan in the world since the time of Japan-China War. Now Japan must bring about the World of Japan. The Manchurian incident is a heavenly instruction to Japan to fulfill her ultimate mission.

(p.159) 2. There are four countries which we must keep watching today. They are China, Soviet Russia, United States of America and the English Empire which presses Japan from the south. Which is our friend and which is our enemy cannot be determined at once.

(p.163) 3. The lands on the globe are very unfairly distributed among 2,000,000,000 population, one-third of which is the white men, another one-third is the yellow men and the rest one-third is of various races. The 87 per cent of land is occupied by 650,000,000 white men.

(P.165-186) 4,5,6,7,8. Japan is given a very small piece of land compared with the number of population, i.e. 141 persons living per one kilometer square while American population density is 14 persons. This results in poverty, and average age of death is lower than other countrymen and that is getting lower and lower every year. There are only three doors left to Japan to get through, the first being emigration, and our emigrants worked hard wherever they went, but they were completely shut out after having made wilderness fertile farms because they worked efficiently for low wages (America). Canada prohibited Japanese

emigrants from the beginning. Australia also did not let Japanese in, keeping the policy to leave the land only to Englishmen. Thus Japan has been left to starve, and now she tried the second door for living on, and it was sending merchandises to world markets, making towns and villages industrial stations. Thus Japan has become an industrial country. However this was again defeated by boycotting for the reason that Japan sold good articles at low prices.

(p.187) 9. Now no other door is left for Japan but to enlarge her territory. This does not mean occupation of other countries' lands, but since all the world powers suppress Japan, Japanese and her merchandise, she has to secure some land outside of the sea where Japanese capital, skill and labour can work freely without whitemen's oppression. We shall be satisfied with it. They have closed the first two doors against Japan. How can they blame Japan to run out for survival through the third and the last door. If they don't like it they should open the first two doors. Thus the Manchurian Incident happened in September 1931. As soon as this incident happened all the powers blamed Japan. We never took land away from any country. Manchukuo has been built up as the result of the Japanese activities in Manchuria and she is now prospering. I want to ask white men's countries who are they that sent warships and armed forces to India, South Africa, Australia, etc., and killed the natives and declared occupation of the land and kept the possession on till today? They will say that these were lands of barbarians who did not know how to dig out treasures buried in the earth; it is heavenly will to have these treasures come to light for the benefit of human beings. It is a convenient argument for them, but we shall accept it and at the same time we shall ask them another question. If there remain lands with natural resources abundantly buried, and yet they have not yet cultivated by white men, is it not also following the heavenly will that we Japanese go to such lands and cultivate it for the benefit of human beings? Such lands exist quite a lot. The East Indies are an example.

10. Here the author gives description of the South Sea Islands.

(p.193) 11-12. What we demand is not nominal territory but lands where our labor, skill, merchandise and capital can work actively. If Japan be determined to extend southward, she would at once meet opposition from England who, with her enormous naval forces, is fortifying the seas and lands there, although the East Indies nominally belong to Holland.

(p.197) 13-14. We shall be successful in organizing such lands outside of the country as we shall have the natives take organic system and unify them under the Emperor, giving everybody the same privilege.

(p.201) 15. We must, at this time, study the fundamental meaning of armament. We absolutely deny the aggressive Imperialism. Imperialism is the real devil to bring the present world to destruction. Other powers may arm themselves for whatever causes they like. However we must not bring even one child of our Emperor to death in exercising Imperialism. Our army and navy are personally controlled by the Emperor and are the means to show the dignity of our country of gods. Our future arming must be based on air forces. (He explains the superiority of air forces to army and navy forces).

Chapter VIII. Establishment of Pure Japan.

(p.207) 1. We are facing the gravest time in the world history so far, for if it is left as it is the whole world is now to be destroyed. At this momentous time a message has been given to Japan, so we must purify the country.

2-3. In order to make the country really steadfast, purity of the country must be kept.

(p.213) 4. According to the original Japanese polity government of many parties must be dispelled.

(p.215) 5. Real Japanese constitutional government shall be carried on by general national mobilization to help the Emperor's work.

(p.217-219) 6. Germany and Italy have been able to establish a real strong government when organized under one authority.

7. The Dai Nihon Seinento (the Japanese youngmen's party) has been organized to fulfill the great message at this time, i.e., with full knowledge of the real meaning of administration, being thoroughly fair and disinterested in spirit, pious to the Emperor, lead the nation under righteous organization and training, aiming at one party in a country.

Patriotic young men, now let us start on a great advancement of our Japan!

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- (p.56) 4. Thus Japan became an origin of the Asian spiritual culture. Strictly speaking, even if the other countries vanish out of the world, the Asian spiritual culture will be firmly kept in safe so far as Japan survives.
- (p.61) 5. Japan had Shintoism, Confucianism and Buddhism, so it is natural that Japan prohibited the childish Christianity because she has profound religions.
- (p.83) 5. The "Ten-no" means a man-god in Japan. Having their Ten-no over them, our ancestors established Japan. At the present the Europeans and Americans seem to be unable to understand that regarding our Ten-no as a god we have made him the object of worship of our racial religion. Hereupon, we want to ask them in return. If they laugh at our faith that our lives are Ten-no's possessions, why do the British people pledge fealty to the flag of Union Jack, and why do the American people kneel and worship the flag of stars and stripes? Because they have no Ten-no, they were compelled to find the object of their national faith before the flags which is made only of cloth and paint.
- (p.212) 4. Our administrative deeds are unified into one. The Emperor has the supreme power of governing Japan. When we exercise the political power, we must follow to our Emperor's intention. There can not be two ways in the government as if there can't be two suns in the sky. The spirit that we should obey the Emperor should be terribly absolute. So there can't be two political intentions in Japan. There can't be a reason why two political parties are permitted to exist. Namely, there is only one party. Accordingly, we resolutely reject the old many political parties system and assert that mobilizing our whole nation we must form our single intention by which we can help out Emperor's task. When there is established the only one political party by the national mobilization and we accept our responsibility with our fealty to our Emperor, the pure governing of pure Japan can be done.

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/p.187/ 9. We have already said that there are only three ways left to Japan to escape from the pressure of surplus population. Our situation is like that of several dozens of people crammed into a small room of about sixty feet square. And there are only three doors of escape left open for us, namely emigration, inroads into world markets, and expansion of territories. The first door, emigration, has been slammed in our faces by the anti-Japanese immigration policy of other countries. The second door, inroads into world markets, also is being pushed back by high tariff walls, and the abrogation of commercial treaties.

What must JAPAN do when two of the three doors have been closed against her?

It is quite a natural force of circumstances for Japan to rush to the last door remaining open.

It may sound dangerous when we speak of territorial expansion, but the territorial expansion which we have in mind does not necessarily mean the occupation of other countries' territories, the planting of the Japanese flag thereon and the declaration of their annexation to JAPAN. It simply means that since the powers of the world have gone too far in suppressing the penetration of Japanese materials and merchandise abroad, we are looking for a place somewhere beyond the seas where Japanese capital, skill and labour can have free play without the oppression of the white race.

We shall be satisfied with this much. What moral rights have the world powers which have already closed with their own hands the two doors of emigration and inroads into world markets to criticize Japan's attempt to rush out of the third door open to her?

If they do not approve of this, they should open the doors which they themselves had closed against us and permit freedom of activity abroad to Japanese emigrants and merchandise.

Thus, the Manchurian Incident suddenly broke out in September of Showa 6 /1931/

With the outbreak of the Manchurian Incident,

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the whole world criticized JAPAN. They vilified JAPAN as an outrageous country, which had wantonly carried cannons and machine guns into the territory of another country, flown aeroplanes over it, and finally occupied Manchuria. However, the military action taken by JAPAN was not at all an arbitrary one. And we have no recollection of ever having stolen an inch of territory from other countries. What grew up as the result of the incident was a newly born empire, MANCHURIA. The Great World Powers are still talking about the recognition or non-recognition of this new nation, but whether the other countries recognize her or not, the MANCHURIA Empire has already been established and, with the lapse of seven years since its creation the empire is further consolidating its foundation with the assistance of Japan, her friend.

And if it is still insisted that our actions in MANCHURIA were violent, I would like to ask the white races as follows: which country is it that sent warships and troops to INDIA, SOUTH AFRICA and AUSTRALIA, killed the innocent natives, bound their hands and feet with iron chains, whipped their backs with iron whips, proclaimed possession of these territories and still continue to possess them?

They will invariably reply to this as follows: These territories were all inhabited by barbarians, who did not know how to develop the abundant underground natural resources for the benefit of mankind. Therefore it was the wish of God, who created heaven and earth for mankind for us to develop the undeveloped land, and promote the happiness of mankind in their stead. It is the will of Providence.

This is a very convenient argument for them. Let us, however, accept it as it is. Then we must again ask them in return as follows:

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Then, suppose there is still on this earth land endowed with abundant underground natural resources which has not yet been developed at all by the white race, would it not be God's wishes and Providence's will for the Japanese to go over there and develop it for the well-being of mankind?

And there still remain many many lands of this kind on this earth.

The SOUTH SEAS ISLANDS are one example.

10. The SOUTH SEAS ISLANDS are located at a very short distance from the southernmost point of FORMOSA. They are also located at a point where they can be reached by motor fishing boats from our SOUTH SEAS MANDATED ISLANDS.

There are large islands, such as BORNEO, CELEBES and NEW GUINEA scattered throughout the seas. We call them islands, but in reality BORNEO and NEW GUINEA are large islands, larger than the whole of JAPAN.

The Netherlands is the titular owner of most of these islands, and thus they are called NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES. However, what the Dutch have actually developed is the small island of JAVA only, the other islands being left almost untouched. The Netherlands, even if they wished, find their hands full with the island of JAVA alone, and have no reserve power for the development of the other islands.

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Let us look at the chart of the area and population of the NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES.

Section	Area (sq. mi)	Population
JAVA and MADURA	51,057	41,718,335
SUMATRA	163,093	7,661,399
RIAUI and LINGGA	12,503	298,329
BANKA ISL.	4,548	205,433
BILLITON ISL.	1,872	73,409
DUTCH BORNEO	206,061	2,194,533
CELEBES	73,160	4,226,586
MOLUCCAS (1)	192,402	893,030
TIMOR	24,530	1,656,636
BALI and LOMBOK	4,070	1,802,146
TOTAL	733,296	60,729,826

Note: (1) includes DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

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The island of Java (including Madura) has a population of 41,700,000 or seventy percent of the total population of the NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES, in spite of the fact that it is a small island with an area of 51,000 sq. miles, or about one fifteenth of the total area. It can be seen from this fact that Java alone is the only cultivated island in the whole NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES and that, if the other islands were developed to even half the extent of JAVA, they would be capable of accomodating a population of over 100,000,000.

Furthermore, these islands contain forests in the mountains, fertile virgin lands in the plains, fish in the seas, and abundant petroleum, coal, iron and other underground natural resources.

If these islands had been inhabited by superior races like the Japanese, there would have appeared a second Japan and a third JAPAN in these islands. Such large islands are scattered in the seas south of Japan within calling distance. The greater part of them is left in a completely undeveloped state. If the underground resources had souls, they would cry out each night for some one to come and dig them out and use them for the benefit of mankind in a bright world. And on the other hand, the Japanese, who are most skilled in developing undeveloped lands are confined in a small territory which has been developed even up the slopes of its close crowding mountains, and struggling under the pressure of surplus population.

/p.193/ In such a case is it the will of God to send a part of this surplus population to these undeveloped lands freely develop a new world and contribute to mankind by developing their underground resources, or is it the will of God to not only leave these abundant resources to remain to no purpose in the earth but also to make a superior people like the Japanese die on the road, within their own tiny territory?

It is needless to waste many words, for the answer should be quite clear.

11. For this reason we demand lands in the north, south, east and west of JAPAN where the Japanese people may freely develop their powers. What we seek is not nominal territories, but a new land where Japanese labour and technology and merchandise and capital may freely display without any persecution their activities and develop the riches now lying idle. We loudly call upon the whole world for such lands.

However, let us turn our thoughts to the time when JAPAN makes up her mind and starts her southward development. We must be prepared to encounter a great obstacle lying obstinately in our way. Although the Netherlands owns the greater part of the SOUTH SEA ISLANDS, the actual power which protects these islands is the BRITISH EMPIRE, which boasts of the greatest navy in the world.

/p.194/ ENGLAND is a nation which for many centuries up to this time has maintained her peculiar traditions as a firm and immovable national policy. This national policy is to never allow the existence of any power as great as herself.

It was for this reason that Britain defeated Napoleon in the Battle of WATERLOO and exiled this hero to the solitary island of ST. HELENA to die in agony, after Napoleon had appeared in France and subjugated the greater part of EUROPE thereby raising FRANCE'S national prestige to the level of ENGLAND.

ENGLAND was again the ring-leader which defeated GERMANY in World War I, when the national strength of Germany, following the appearance of its great statesman, Bismark, who constructed the German Empire, grew to such an extent as to rival that of England.

In recent times, it was ENGLAND again which tried to stop Italy's great undertaking by talking over the League of Nations and concentrating naval forces in the MEDITERRANEAN, when Italy, under the daring hero, Mussolini, attempted to extend her power to ETHIOPIA.

Such has been the traditional national policy of ENGLAND. We would be making a great mistake if we think that this ENGLAND would make an exception for Japan's southward advance.

Therefore, before we aspire to effect overseas development, we must make a great resolution. If we are thoughtless enough to plan this advance without this preparation, our scheme would show a reckless failure to understand history.

/p.195/ 12. Nevertheless, we call upon the world for our right to expand overseas. We demand this because, unless we are to starve willy-nilly in this small island country, the only way out of it is to effect overseas development by seeking new lands in the wide world around us.

As already stated the world has no moral right to deny us this right.

Of course, it would be out of the question if the Japanese race were an inferior race without the ability to develop new lands and without the qualifications to govern. However, the superior ability of the Japanese race has already been tested.

What did the white men say twenty seven years ago when we annexed KOREA? At that time they were so self-conceited as to believe that the white race alone had the qualifications to be masters of the world. And so they said that 20,000,000 alien people lived in the KOREAN PENINSULA, that there had been in world history not a single instance of successful rule over such a great number of alien people; that although India was inhabited by 300,000,000 natives, they were divided from top to bottom by races, religions and castes; that it was a difficult task even for the white men to rule an alien people of 20,000,000 in bloc, and that any attempt by the Japanese people, who belong to the colored races, to rule KOREA was bound to fail and would be given up in despair. Thus did they laugh and sneer at us.

But look at KOREA as she is now. Where in the world is there an overseas land better ruled and whose people enjoy more peace and industrial development than Korea? What an earthly paradise Korea is under Japanese rule as compared with INDIA where the only method of rule the rulers know is to oppress the native inhabitants with iron chains and iron whips.

Let us further examine this in FORMOSA. Japan's FORMOSA and the United States' PHILIPPINES are separated from each other by only a narrow strip of water. And yet our rule of Formosa proved highly successful within only ten years since its possession, and Formosa is now counted as one of our richest lands. On the other hand, the Philippines proved too much for the UNITED STATES,

forcing her to throw up her hands in despair and give consent to its independence.

Facts speak most eloquently. It is only a dream of days gone by that only the white men are entitled to rule the world. The facts show plainly which of the two, the white men or the Japanese are better qualified to develop overseas lands.

Of course, we do not wholly extol our past rule of KOREA and FORMOSA. There are too many defects to enumerate here. And yet in spite of these defects we must say that lands developed and peoples ruled by such a superior race as the Japanese are fortunate compared with those under the tyrannical rule of the white men.

We are able to state these facts to the whole world with no diffidence whatever.

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第七章 世界の日本、日本の世界、ハナハタ頁——一九二七頁

さきにわれらは、日本が人口過剰の圧迫より免る、
金は三つしかなくとも記した。別へは僅か十坪
ばかりの狭い室に何十人とか人間が、然るにこれ
をやるに足る。そして之を脱がぬ門扉は、
海外移民と商品進出と領土擴張の三つしかない。
しかも第一の海外移民といふ門扉は諸列國の
日本移民排斥にも、こつとつと針附にされて了つた。
第二の商品進出といふ門扉は、高率関税の障壁と、
通商條約の破棄になつて、遂に押しかてされてある。
三つの門扉のうち二つまで鎖がよれた日本は、どう
しようもない。

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のこされる唯一の門扉に向かふ。それは列國は固
然の勢をもち、いけなはなう。
一口に領土擴張といへば、物騒に聞え、かゝる知が
がわれ等といふ領土擴張とは、必ずしも他國の領土
を占領して、之に日本国旗を下す樹て、これは日本
の領土である、直言するに足らぬ。たゞ、世界列國
が、あつて日本人と日本の商船といふ海外にあつて、
之を圧迫するから、かゝる自虐人種を迫害する。日本の
資本と技術と労働力が自由に活躍し、列國

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地は海外の何處かに在るものなることである。
 われらはこれだけにして満足する。そしてそのに海外
 移民と商品進出の二つの門扉を自ら鎖おしたつ
 列國が、何れも道徳的權利を以て、日本に對するこの門扉
 より進出せんとするを非難するものがある。
 若しこれが厭ならば、自ら鎖をさる二つの門扉を開
 い、日本移民の肉に、海外活躍の自由を許せばなら
 ぬであらう。

かくして昭和二年九月、突然として満洲事変起
 った。

満洲事変たび起ると世界は驚き、日本行動
 を非難する。日本といふ國は怪しからぬ國である。他國
 の領土内に迄に大砲や機關銃をひつぱり、大飛行
 機を飛ばして、といふ満洲といふところを佔領
 した日本を惡罵した。しかし日本として軍事行動は
 決して望まざつたが、なほ。またわれらは、たゞ又土
 といへば、他國の領土を奪つた實はな。事變の
 結果、成立したのは、満洲帝國といふ一派の新興國
 である。この新興國を列強はもと承認するし、
 といふ、強いていふれば、他國の承認、不承認に拘は
 らず、満洲帝國は自ら成立、建國以來、
 七年を経、友邦たる日本、援助の下に、
 基礎を鞏固にしてゐる。

しかし、これでは、われ等が満洲に於て、

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行動が過激であるといふならはわれ等は白人種
の國々に問ひたい。一体印度や南阿や濠洲に勝ちに
軍艦や軍隊を送り、非難を蒙る先住民族を銃
で殺し、彼等の脚を鐵鎖にて縛り、背後から鐵鞭を
打ちながら、この地をわれ等が占領した。これ
は我等の領土であると言ひ、今日まで有す
つて此の國は、一体どうなる國であるか。
すると彼等は、是れを答へる。

「われ等の土地は、みな未開。蠻人の住むところ
である。然るに彼等は折角土地に埋まらぬ無限
の富を開發して、世界人類に此の術を知ら
ない。この故に彼等に代つて、未開地を開發し、人
類の幸福を増進するものは、すなはち天地と人類
のためにより給ひ、神様の田に与るである。天帝の
意に任せてある。」

甚だ都合のいい議論である。しかしわれ等は、この
議論をそのまゝに承服しなかつて、こゝに一度、
彼等に反問しなすければならぬ。

然らば假に、この地球上に、天濱野を豊富に
埋藏せる土地がよつて、それがまた白人種により
何等開拓されぬとするならば、われ、日本民族
がその土地に押し渡して、これを世界人類の幸福
のために開發するものは、これはまた神様の田に与るであり、天帝
の意に任せてある。申すおぼなうぬわけではないかと。

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島名	面積(平方哩)	人口
スマトラ島	一六三、九三二	七、一六六、三九九
リョーリガ群島	一二、五〇三	二九八、三三九
バンカ島	四、五四八	二〇五、四三三
ビリトン島	一、八七二	七三、四〇九
蘭領ボルネオ	二〇六、〇六一	二、一九四、五三三
セレベス島	七三、一六〇	四、二二六、五八六
モルッカ群島	一九二、四〇二	八九三、〇三〇
ティモル群島	二四、五三〇	一、六五六、六三六
バリ島及び ロバイン島	四、〇七〇	一、八〇二、一四六

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七三三、二九六、一六〇、七二九、八三六

蘭領ニユーギニア島を含む。

すなはち、ジャバ島(及びマズラ島)は蘭領東印度
諸島の面積の約五万一千平方哩、總面積の約十
分の一にすぎない。小さな島である。にも拘らず、總
人口は千から十萬、そのうち割に富む四千七百七十
万の人間が、この小島に住んでゐる。以上蘭
領東印度諸島のうち、開闢されてゐるのはジャワ
島だけであり、若し他の島の多くも、せめてジャワの半
分でも開拓されれば、なほ一億以上の人間が住み得
る土地であることが判る。

しかし、これらの島の多くは、山には森林あり、平地には
豊穡なる處女地あり、海には魚貝あり、さらに土

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こゝにわたりては日本。北に南に、西に東に日本民族が
自由に活躍する天地を要求する。わがら要求するは
名義上の領地ではない。日本の動力と技術と商品と
資本とが、何卒の自由をもちつて自由に活動して
空しく埋れたる宝庫を開くべき新天地である。

わがらはかく、如き新天地を全世界にわかつて聲
高く要求する。

しかしながら、例へば日本が意を決して南方に発
展を開始したりとせう。わがらはよく一障害
が頭然として横たつてゐることを覚悟しなけれ
ばならぬ。

それは南洋の島々の大部を領有してゐるは
和蘭であるけれども、それと並んで、實力は世界
第一の海軍力を誇る、大英帝國である。とある。
英國といふ國は、實に不世に識る傳統と確固不
搖の國策として、幾世にわたつて居る國である。
それは英國と肩を並べるやうな強大國は、断然
地球上に存在を許さぬといふ國策である。

こゝに佛蘭西に代表するといふ大英雄は、現
れて、ヨーロッパ大陸の大部分をも席卷して、その
國威が、やがて英國の覇を奪ふとした時、三
角をうたうたうたに打たれて、この腹古の英
雄を、マント、ベラの孤島に幽閉し、ついに悶

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死せしめたとこの國が英國であつた。

ついで獨逸に、ビスマルクといふ大政治家が現れて、獨逸帝國を建設し、その國勢が次第に隆興し、やがて英國と肩を並べた時、世界大戰に於てこれを散々に袋叩きにした。その張本がすなはち英國であつた。

近頃は稀世の豪傑兒ハッソリーニ率ゐる伊太利が、やがて羽翼とのつて、阿弗利加のエチオピアにまで、發展の手をのばせんとするや、國際聯盟をかたむけ、自ら地中海に大艦隊を集結してまで、その雄圖を阻止せんとしたところの國も、また相度らず英國であつた。

それが英國の傳統的國策である。この英國が、たゞいとし日本、南方發展に対してだけ、寛大であると思像したならば、それこそ大変な見込ちがいてある。

故にわれらは、海外發展に志を立つる前に、さう一大覺悟を決して、かゝらねばならぬ。その準備として、迂闊に進出を策するは、世界歴史を知らぬ無謀といふ他はない。

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それにも拘らずわれらは、海外發展の確利を、世界にむかつて要求する。日本民族がこの狭小なる島國に、野垂れ死するのまいぞ知らず、いやしくも生さんと欲するならば、新天地を廣き世界に求め、海外發展するよりほかに、日本民族の活路はないのである。

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世界はそれを拒むべき。何等の道義的權利をもたぬことは、正に述べに通りである。

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尤し日本民族が、何等なる人種である。未開地を開発する能力を、外地を統治する素質をいかにあきらめれば、それは問題外である。しかし日本民族の優秀なる能力は、まことに試験するまでもある。

われが二十七年前、朝鮮を併合したとき、わが白色人種たちは、何と言ったか、その当時彼等は世界の主人たる資格を有するものは、白色人種のみであると、自惚れてゐた。故に彼等は曰く、朝鮮半島には、二十萬の黒民族が住んでゐる。かゝるに纏ひたる数々の黒民族を、よく統治し得る実例は、世界歴史に一つもない。尤も印度には、三億の先住民族がゐるけれども、それは人種と宗教と階級とによつて、四分五裂をみる民族である。つに纏ひたる二十萬の黒民族を統治することは、白色人種から難しきものと考へてゐる。然るに有色人種たる日本人が朝鮮半島を統治しようとしたとき、遂に失敗し、手を焼きて手離すにふいなる冷嘲と彼等は笑つてゐたではないか。而して現在、朝鮮はどうか。

今日朝鮮ほどよく治り、民は太平を致し、産業は日進月歩に發達してゐる外地は、世界の何處にあるか。鐵鎖と鉄鞭によつて、先住民族を壓迫すること以外に、統治の方法を知らぬ印度統治をいふて、日本が朝鮮は何なる樂天地であるか。

ここにこれを南方台灣に見よ。日本が台灣と、米国の比律賓とは、まさに一帯一帯のところにあり、しかも台灣は、領有せられた七年にして、統治の成績が著しく、今では日本の宝庫の一つに数へられてゐるに於て、米國は一比律賓をもあきらめ、ついにこれに加

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主を許して手離さなければならぬほどの破目に陥つてはならぬ。
事實は何らどうも立辨である。白色人種のみが世界的主人
公であるといふべき旨、空想を談にすべきでない。日本民族と白色人
種と、これが大地開發に優れる能力を有するが、事實の如何
かにこれを證明する。
勿論われわれは過去に於ける朝鮮や台湾の統治を全部
に讃美するものではない。興すべき欠點はあつたに多すぎる。
しかしながらその欠點をもしても、これを白色人種、横暴な
統治に比ぶるならば、日本民族の優秀なる人間に
よって開墾された土地は幸福であり、統治する民族は幸
福であると言はれねばならぬ。
われらは全世界に於て、何れ謙遜も互にを言ひつゝ
である。

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